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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Andreas Walder

Application No.: 09/082,309

Filed: May 20, 1998

For: METHOD FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF EXPANDABLE
PLASTICS GRANULATE

Examiner: Staicovici, S.

Art Unit: 1732

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 16.

1 *Sub-E* 16. (Thrice amended) A method, which does not use extruders, for the
2 production of expandable plastics granulate from a plastics melt and a fluid blowing agent that
3 is, when at a pressure within a predetermined pressure range, only partly soluble in the melt,
4 the method comprising the steps of:

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